



Yarrawonga Yacht Club NEWSLETTER

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Commodore's Corner

Bill Farrell



Hi everyone,

The shorter and cooler days now herald the end of our summer sailing season, however there's been plenty going on at the Club over the past month and again in the next.

Our Labour Day weekend regatta was full on- in all ways. The big fleet of Taipans kept OOD Trevor and RO Gary hopping both on and off the water. Fortunately the second fleet (of monos) under RO Marty's control had an easier time. The catering and social side of the weekend went very well and our Treasurer Ki was delighted with the outcomes. My thanks again to all helpers, but especially to Gary and Trevor for hanging in during some very challenging times. I also thank Marty and visitor Tony Schalken for their efforts too.

There of course is one more regatta and it's our annual Anzac regatta, which in this year falls on the Easter weekend. Therefore we welcome all visiting sailors, including the Timpennies and especially the Melbourne Trailables (who will be here again for their umpteenth Easter). I trust all visitors will have a great time, and I urge all members to chip in again to support OOD Trevor and to spread the load. I myself am an apology (as I have a long standing arrangement to revisit Fiji after having lived and worked there back in the 1980's- I expect that I may see a few changes- but not so many.)

However on the weekend before Easter, we're having the Commodores Cup- the end of our summer sailing season. It's always a great day, both for the sailing, the expert race management? and the great meal and social time. I look forward to a big turnout and a great day.

Then there's the Brass Monkey winter sailing series commencing on May 8th under the expert control of Wendell and Sherie. On the very next weekend there's a (long) weekend for the 4 wheel drivers amongst us. We're off to Lake Cobbler in the Victorian High Country- see the Notice later in this newsletter.

Golly we are busy, but there's one more thing on our near horizon, and that's the AGM, set down for Sunday 29th May. There's a need this year for a few new faces on the Committee- as we're seeking a new Commodore and a new Club Captain at least. New faces with new ideas- are you up for it?

I have recently received Al Tuttle's resignation from the Committee, and on behalf of all members wish to acknowledge the fantastic contributions he has made to the Committee and to the Club generally over many years. We will miss his great knowledge around the committee table, but we sincerely thank him for his generous efforts and we wish him a speedy return to good health.

Enough, enough -read on – there's much more in your newsletter. See you soon.

Commodore Bill



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COMMODORES CUP

The summer sailing season concludes on Sunday 17th April with the final heats of the Commodores Cup.

After sailing, all are invited to get together for a shared lunch. The club will provide the meats, and members are asked to bring a salad and/or a sweet to share. Drinks can be purchased from the club kitchen.

During the afternoon, trophies, for both the Commodores Cup and also the seasons various series of events, will be presented.

Be there and join in the fun as we celebrate the closing of our great summer season.

Please indicate to Commodore Bill that you will be attending, by phoning or texting to 0408175527.

ADVANCE NOTICE OF AGM

Notices will be sent out shortly to all members about the Annual General Meeting, which is set down for Sunday May 29th.

Please keep this day free and be there to support your club.

The Committee will have vacancies, and therefore there are real opportunities for newcomers to participate in the running of our Club. So please consider it, and seek a nomination for an executive role or just on the committee. Speak to Commodore Bill or one of the current committee if you are interested and available.



Our working bees of late have been well-attended, productive and socially a great time.

Our next one is SATURDAY 21ST MAY

The time is between 9.30 am and about 2pm, with a cuppa break at 11am.

We have unfinished jobs on Foxami, the office, Streetcar, the compound, the eastern access door and general cleaning.

For more details, contact Denis Dean on 0417 353 606

4WD WEEKEND



Have you visited the Cobbler Plateau – well here's your big chance!

We will rendezvous at/near Whitfield for morning tea on Friday 13th May, then proceed south past Cheshunt and Lake William Hovell, along the Stockyard and Burnt Top tracks and the King Basin Road, essentially following the high waters of the King River deep into the Victorian High Country, over the famed Staircase (conditions permitting) and onto our preferred campsite at Lake Cobbler, for Friday and Saturday nights. Then on Sunday we'll come out via Craig's Hut and



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Mt Stirling, re-joining civilisation near Merrijig and then back via Mansfield and Benalla.

You'll need a good 4WD (preferably high clearance and with a UHF radio) and a complete kit of camping gear, although Brian will have the basics of a camp kitchen. It may be cold- so bring your woollies.

Once names and numbers of those attending are known, a sharing of the food, drinks and other provisioning will be arranged amongst the group.

Brian Mulcahy will welcome your enquiries and receive your names/numbers, but no later than May 1st. He can be contacted on 0418 570 687.

STREETCAR



The family of our esteemed past member Ossie Day, who passed away a couple of years ago, has kindly donated his much loved yacht "Streetcar" to the Club and, whilst it needs a little TLC at the moment, it indeed is a great yacht, very suited to our local conditions and an ideal yacht for training of newcomers.

Streetcar is available to club members to be sailed at regular club events.



Please call Denis Dean for further details on 0417353606.

Watch next month's newsletter for a story about Streetcar's colourful history.

COASTAL NAVIGATION

A few of our YYC "cruisers" intend to undertake the Yachtmaster Coastal Navigation course on July 23rd and 24th in Melbourne, and there are still vacancies, so if others are interested please contact Yachtmaster asap.

It's a 2 day course. Costs and other details are on www.yachtmaster.com.au

If you are registering, do so at Yachtmaster, then also advise Bill Farrell that you are attending.

Once numbers of YYC attendees are known, we'll be able to collectively sort out accomodation and travel arrangements.

Sailing programme

Sunday 17th April

10:30 hts 5 and 6 back to back

13:00 LUNCHEON

OOD Commodore and Friends

Easter and ANZAC regatta 22-25 April



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See notice of race in this issue

Sunday 8th May – WINTER SERIES

10:30 Brass Monkey Ht: 1

13:00 Brass Monkey Ht: 2

OOD Wendell & friends

RESULTS

Sunday 6th March

Nieuwenhout Series Heat 4

1	Watermelon	G Craig
2	Dad&Dave	P Farrell
3	LOL	S Stone
4	Wear The Fox Hat	J Demeo
5	Lusatia	K Herman
6)	Ernie&Bert	D Stone
7	Vivace	W Anker
8)	Ugly	s&k Gulpin

Helmsman Ht 6

1	Wear The Fox Hat	J Demeo
2)	Vivace	W Anker
3)	Ernie&Bert	D Stone
4	LOL	S Stone
5	Lusatia	K Herman
6	Dad&Dave	P Farrell
7)	Watermelon	G Craig
8)	Ugly	S&K Gulpin

Sunday 20th March

Helmsman Ht 3

1	LOL	S Stone
2	MLC	D Stone
3	Freeloader	B Farrell
4)	Time Out	W Scholtes
5	Dad&Dave	P Farrell

Helmsman Ht 7

1	LOL	S Stone
2	MLC	D Stone
3	Dad&Dave	P Farrell
4	Freeloader	B Farrell
5)	Time Out	W Scholtes

Sunday 27th March

Koenig/ Nieuwenhout HTs 5 abandoned due to lack of competitors, Social races held for three boats.

Sunday 3rd April

Helmsman Ht 8

1	Lusatia	K Herman
	Sparkling	
2	Burgundy	T Turnbull
3	Fink	G Moulton
4	Wear The Fox Hat	J Demeo
5	Time Out	W Scholtes
6	Nauti But Nice	S Gulpin
7	Orca	B Humphries
8	Obi Wan Kenobi	W Schilling
9	Dad&Dave	P Farrell



Sternchaser

1	Orca	B Humphries
2	Time Out	W Scholtes
3	Dad&Dave	P Farrell
	Sparkling	
4	Burgundy	T Turnbull
5	Fink	G Moulton
6	Lusatia	K Herman
7	Wear The Fox Hat	J Demeo



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Sunday 10th April

Due to insufficient competitors Social races only held.

Race 1

- 1 Lusatia K Herman
- 2 Wear The Fox Hat J Demeo
- 3 Sparkling Burgundy T Turnbull

Race 2

- 1 Lusatia K Herman
- 2 Wear The Fox Hat J Demeo
- 3 Sparkling Burgundy T Turnbull



**HELP URGENTLY AND
DESPERATELY NEEDED**

Easter and ANZAC Day Regatta

As usual a Regatta doesn't just happen; it takes work from some great volunteers. It's that time again when volunteers are required for the roster to run the Easter and ANZAC Day regatta. If you can help in any way please contact Jo O'Brien on joobrien@tpg.com.au or 0419 547 418. Please identify if you are available all Four days (Set up and Social sail on the Friday) and or when you can help. If you wish to sail, then helping with set up, cleaning around the club house or similar can make

a big difference. **All age groups, new and experienced club members** can contribute to the success of a regatta by volunteering.

Jobs needing people:

- Set up camping and parking areas (Friday).
- Welcome visitors and allocate camping and parking sites.
- Assistance with Catering including drink sales.
- Club cleaning each day.
- Grounds tidy and clean.
- Start Boat and safety boats.
- Results.

Contact Jo O'Brien on

joobrien@tpg.com.au or 0419 547 418

NOW if you can help

**YARRAWONGA
YACHT CLUB
Invites you to the
ANZAC &
EASTER
REGATTA 2011
OTB & TRAILABLE
YACHTS
Inc. TIMPENNY
TITLES**

Friday 22nd April Social Sail

**APRIL 23th-24th-25th
2011**

6 Races Entry (GST incl.)



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Adults \$ 55 Regatta
Juniors \$ 20 Regatta

Facilities Fee: \$8.50 per night per person for campers.

Good Friday 22nd

Social Sail Passage Race Starting at 14.00h

Race Programme

Saturday 23th 2 Races starting at 1300h

Sunday 24th 3 Races starting at 0930h

Monday 25th 1 Race starting at 0930h

Lawns to waters edge.

- Canteen, meals and bar sales available
- Sites/facilities available from 3.00pm Thursday 21st to Tuesday 26th April
- No Dogs, no fires, no glass on foreshore.
- Free Transport to Nearby Clubs.(Dress - Neat casual)

Yarrowonga Yacht Club River Rd,
Yarrowonga, Vic

Trevor Turnbull - Club Captain 03 5821 1425

Anzac Day Regatta 2011 Notice of Race

Rules: The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing and any National or Class Rules as they apply.

Advertising: Will be restricted to Category A

Eligibility & Entry: The regatta for all off the beach yachts

A minimum of six boats of the same class are required to form their own division.

Fees: Fees are as per the attached flyer.

Schedule: Race schedule is as per the attached flyer.

The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race of each day is:

Saturday 1257 \$ 10 per Race
Sunday 0927
Monday 0927

Sailing Instructions: Will be available at Yarrowonga Yacht Club clubhouse on entering.

Venue: The venue is Yarrowonga Yacht Club, River Rd, Yarrowonga.
The racing area is Lake Mulwala, excluding the 'treed' area.

The Courses: Will be outlined at the initial information session on Saturday.

Penalty System: For all classes rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn including one tack and one gybe is required.

Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in rule 70.4.

Scoring: The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
There will be no discards.

Support Boats: Will be marked with an YYC burgee

Radio Communication: A boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmission while racing that is not available to all boats, unless in direct communication with the Race Committee. This restriction also applies to mobile phones

Disclaimer of liability: Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Yarrowonga Yacht Club will not accept





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any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

Insurance:

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

Further Information:
Trevor Turnbull

Please contact:
03 5821 1425

Members News – Comings and goings

The Club recently received the following email from John Bursill

To those of you wondering what I have been up to since retiring from sailing I think the details of the email below will provide you with a good idea. The cycling has certainly got me fitter than the sailing as I now weigh 81kg with a resting pulse of about 46. The ride below is my next big challenge.

On the 20th of June I will be participating in a charity ride from Como to Nice which travels 1100 km with nine mountain passes above 2000 metres. The aim of the ride is to raise funds for the Oncology Children's Foundation, an Australian charity dedicated to finding cures for specific childhood cancers. I have set myself a target to raise \$1200 and to provide you with an opportunity to donate to the OCF I have set up an everyday hero's page (and I use that term very loosely) at www.everydayhero.com.au/john_bursill.

The Oncology Children's Foundation was founded in 1993 by Col Reynolds, a coach driver who regularly transport children

affected by cancer. From his efforts the OCF was founded and has raised over \$11 million for cancer research. Neuroblastoma is the most common cancer amongst children under the age of four and less than 50% survive. The Oncology Research Unit at the University of New South Wales have developed an entirely new class of drugs that kills Neuroblastoma cells very effectively and may also have the same affect on malignant Melanomas. The OCF is committing \$800,000 per year towards this research. For more information on the OCF and the other research it supports go to www.ocf.com.au

Maricat Nationals at Batemans Bay Peter Farrell

On April 9 and 10 I competed in my first Maricat national titles. The trip to Bateman's Bay in NSW took Dad 'n' Dave and I about eight and a half hours and an early departure from work saw me us arrive at about 8.30pm. An on-line booking two weeks before had secured a room at the Hanging Rock Motel in Catalina (which I can recommend). It was a short drive to the clubhouse and the launching beach. After a nervous night's sleep I went to the clubhouse where I met two brothers, Mark and Michael, who sailed 'brand new' foamies (the new Maricats). They said follow us we're off to the rigging beach.





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Got to the beach, rigged the boat, got chatting and right away I could see that the new boats were in a different class to my old thing. The first thing that strikes you is the radically raked mast and the colourful sails. The next thing that you learn is just about all the old boats, like mine, have been retro-fitted with the new sails and raked back mast (more on that later). Just about all the sailors began their careers on old Maricats like Dad 'n' Dave. The association guys could not have been more welcoming and helpful both on the beach and on the water. They were wrapped that I had made the trip from Victoria. One guy, Mark, came over from WA to race his brother (he had two Maricats, one in each state).

In all there were 98 boats of various kinds competing at the regatta and these were divided into seven unequal divisions of boats. Combining some divisions meant there were five starts. The 14ft catamarans were the last division to start, and as BBSC used the five-minute start-sequence, we waited 25 minutes for the go. The courses were different for the different divisions and there were inner and outer top and wing-marks, and faster boats sailed an extra lap. All boats shared the bottom mark. The sailing instructions were like a small novel but each division got their own version. The 14 footers sailed a triangle and sausage with a beat to the finish. The finish line was off limits unless you were finishing. The course was set out in the bay and it took about 10 minutes in a good breeze to get there. All my races lasted about 50 minutes.

There were four races in all, two on Saturday and two on Sunday. The two were back to back but because conditions changed so much between race one and two and race three and four new courses were laid. I was on the water for four and half hours on Saturday and five and a half hours on Sunday. Fortunately, I took plenty of

water and some fruit and snacks each day. Race one was a bit of a drifter but with swell and waves to contend with I did not do great but better than some. The new foamies performed really well. Race two came in at about 16 knots and we had a bit of a tussle amongst the older Maricats down at the back of the fleet.

On Sunday 25 knots was expected with storms. I decided to go out early to 'test' the conditions. Those of us who went early then waited under postponement for about an hour for the rest of the fleet to get out. Race three started off gently enough but I completely bollixed the start (you have to watch flags Peter not listen to hooters). The breeze really began to kick in about half way through the race and tacking became challenging. Once again those of us with the old boats (read old-style sails) had our own race down the back. One guy, Adrian, with a sloop pipped me on the line as I got caught aback on my last tack before the finish line. It was exciting and in good spirits. I congratulated him. The night before I had bagged him about doing granny turns (the jokes on me).

The last race was the most thrilling for me. The breeze had shifted and it was howling in. I was thinking about quitting except that going in would have been about as dangerous as staying. We bobbed around for a long time while they re-set the course. Lucky I had snacks. During this time, taking pity on a poor lake sailor, the other Maricat guys provided suggestions about de-powering (I had done this and more already). I got my best start and went over the line hiking and flying a hull. I even got to call starboard on a Sharpie (wow – those boats go!). Half the Maricat fleet tacked early and half kept going; I kept going. Then the wind eased slightly and my first tack went well and I was in the mix. My second tack was good and I was close reaching to the top mark. I went round it



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behind the foamies and in a pack of the older boats. The wind eased and, calling on drifter techniques, I made up some ground to the windward mark. From here to the bottom mark was initially frustrating until 100m in when the breeze came in again. And, it was, STRONG! Before I knew it I was hiking downwind, spray everywhere, and praying (I'm an atheist) not to pitchpole. We left one guy behind and it was just the two of us, each on older boats, absolutely screaming downwind. I have never sailed so fast in my life.

We rounded the bottom mark together and then I struggled to make any decent ground to weather. This is where I learnt how good the new sail and mast rake was. The guy I was dicing with had an older boat but a new sail set up. I was completely flying but not enough to windward. He was taking 10-15 degrees off me. We were going the same speed but I was going the wrong way. He was gone.



I decided to keep going wide and eventually try for a close reach to the top mark – I bugged the tack and had to back into the new beat. I struggled to get going but eventually things started to work. I rounded the top mark and started my tack downwind. Initially this worked until about halfway down to the bottom mark when the

wind just petered out and the fear factor became zero.

Getting back to shore took ages.

Getting home took ages.

Lessons learnt: - delivered in just two days – priceless.

Queenscliff sail away weekend



2 castles, 1 Timpenny and 1 Sonata set out for the trip to Queenscliff from Werribee river. After grounding on the very shallow river bar due to recent floods and a need to check the keel the trip to Queenscliff got underway with the challenge of winds and tide. With boats arriving after 5pm the group was keen to clean up and head off into town for a meal at a local pub.

The food and company was great and the view of all was the new Marina at Queenscliff is good and makes the decision of heading down to the bottom end of the bay much more viable and enjoyable.

Sunday saw strong tides and light winds with the whole fleet motor sailing back to Werribee on the Sunday. The wildlife photographed below along with Dolphins and little Penguin were all sighted along the way.



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If you are not sure what it is, that's because it is X rated. A pair of seals joined together and not particularly interested in the on lookers.

For those of you who want more information on the ride you can see details at www.bike-dreams.com

No experience is necessary; our experienced club members will teach you all you need to know about race organisation and boat operations, from simple activities such as the launching and retrieval of the boats to more challenging tasks such as laying courses, assisting boats in distress, towing other vessels and recovering sailors from the water.

YYC will happily cover the costs for volunteers to attend Yachting Victoria's Powerboat Handling Course, Safety Boat Handling Course and Race Officer Course where appropriate.

For additional information or if you have any questions please contact Keith O'Brien training coordinator keithob@tpg.com.au or 0418 690 502



WANTED:

Volunteers for the YYC Race organisation Team (Rescue Boats and OOD assistance)

Do you know someone who is at a loose end on Sundays? Do they like powerboats? Are they interested in sailing? If so they might be the right person to join the YYC race organisation team. YYC is always looking for adults to join our Race organisation Team on a voluntary basis during club sailing on Sundays All year round but especially from September to April. Race organisation and Rescue boat work is an enjoyable, exciting and vital part of organised sailing on Lake Mulwala and involves diverse and challenging situations in all types of weather conditions.

Buy, Sell or swap (Non commercial advertisements)

Club members are encouraged to place a free add in the newsletter for sailing related items.

Ads will be repeated three times and then removed unless requested to continue. Please let the editor know if your item is sold so it can be removed sooner.





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Contributions are sought from all members; usual deadline for contributions to be included in next issue is the third Friday of the Month. Newsletter will normally be distributed by the beginning of the month.

This is your newsletter, ideas and suggestions welcome. Ed
Newsletter editor – KeithO'Brien





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